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My mission as a creative professional is to make products that truly inspire, educate and entertain people of all diversities because I've experienced that wonderment myself. When I realized my drawings helped me understand complex concepts or simply elicited an emotion, I decided to specialize in art for communication. I believe the benefits of creative organization and visual interest are incremental in exciting young readers to learn.

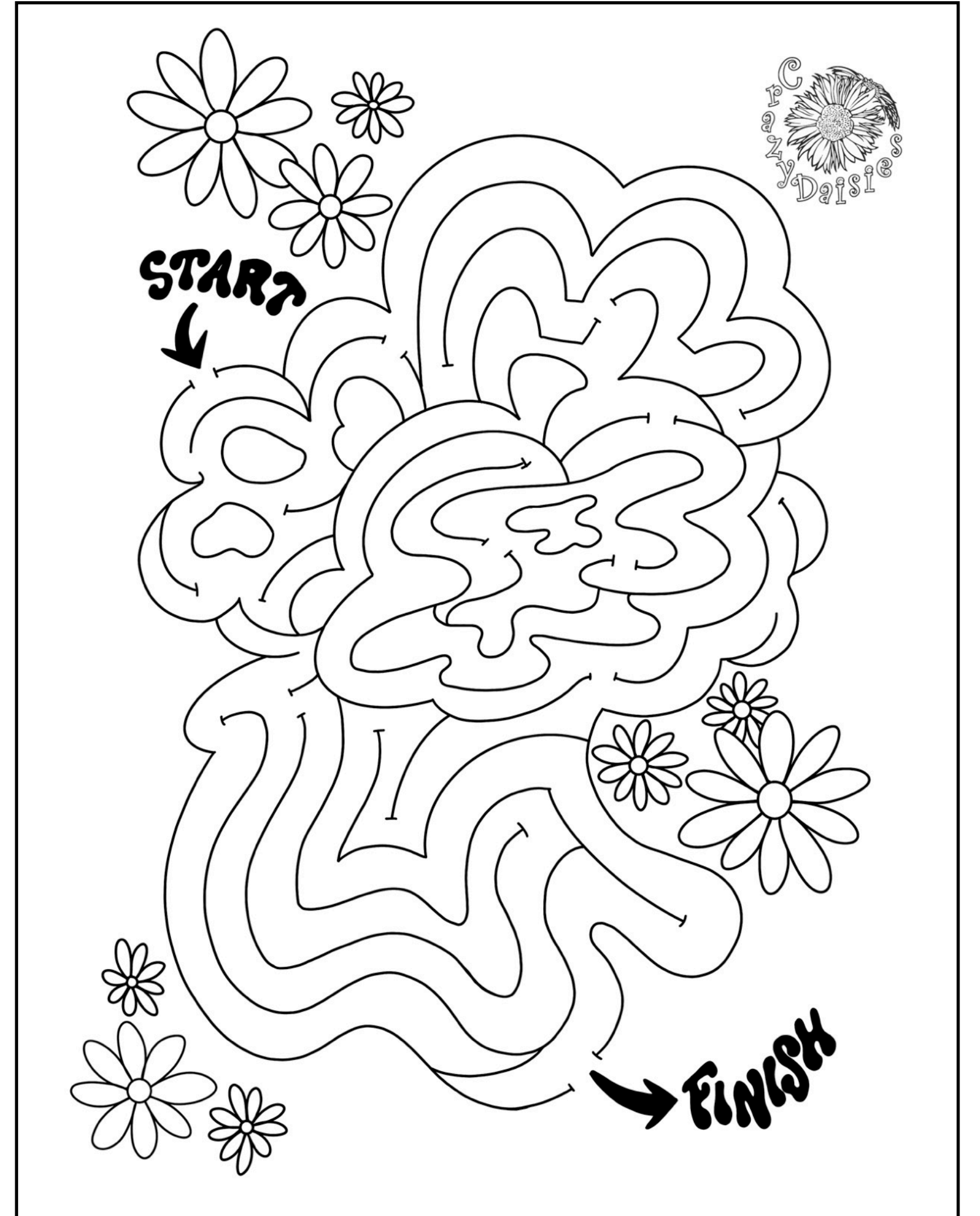
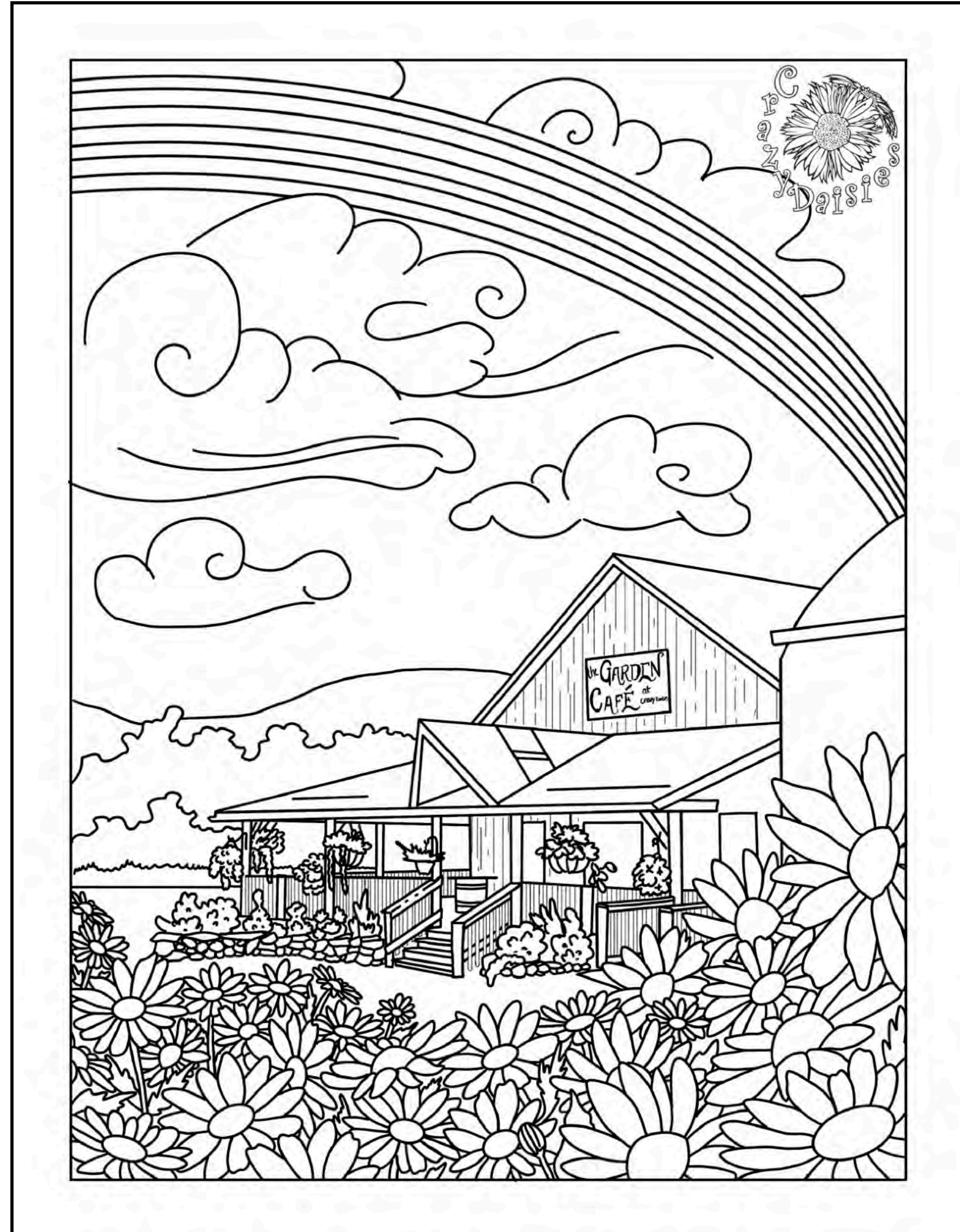
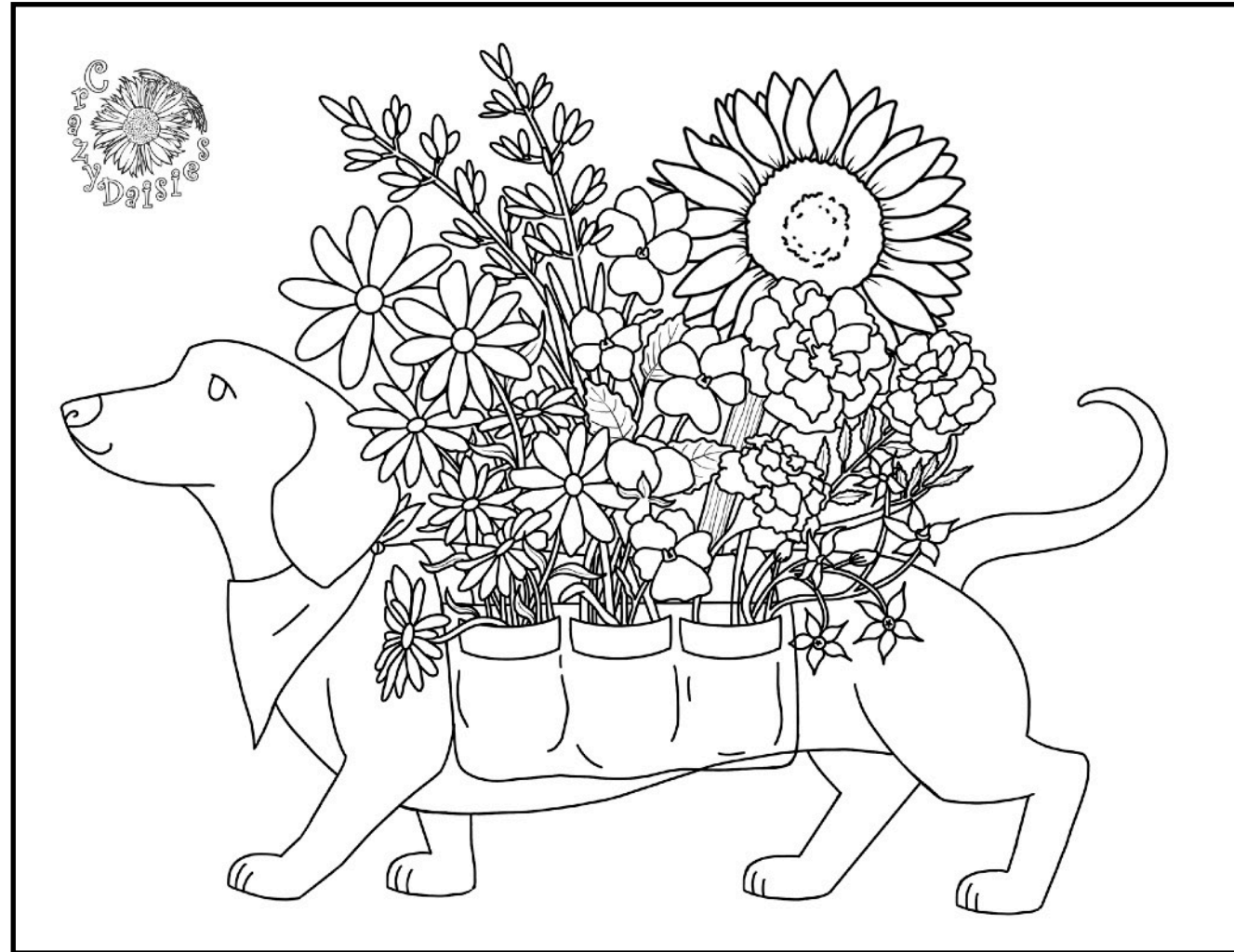
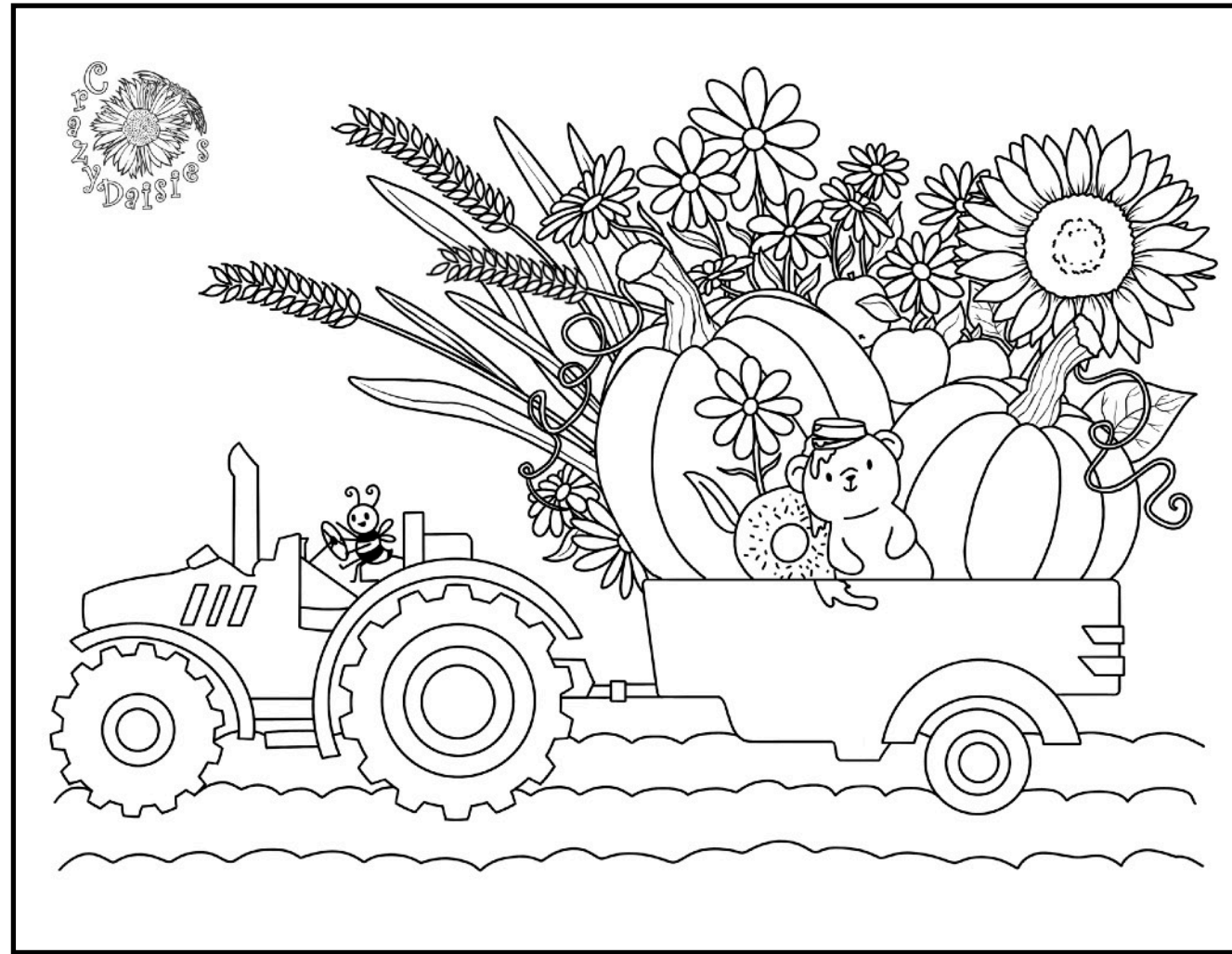
I'd feel total fulfillment in delivering visual aids that make all the difference by teaching a lesson, challenging morals, inspiring greatness, or just awakening a passion for lifelong learning.





children's media

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Little Tree

Ma lasted a year after Pa was gone. That's how I came to live with Granpa and Granma when I was five years old.

The kinfolks had raised some mortal fuss about it, according to Granma, after the funeral.

There in the gullied backyard of our hillside shack, they had stood around in a group and thrashed it out proper as to where I was to go, while they divided up the painted bedstead and the table and chairs.

Granpa had not said anything. He stood back at the edge of the yard, on the fringe of the crowd, and Granma stood behind him. Granpa was half Cherokee and Granma full blood.

He stood above the rest of the folks; tall, six-foot-four with his big, black hat and shiny, black suit that was only worn to church and funerals. Granma had kept her eyes to the ground, but Granpa had looked at me, over the crowd, and so I had edged to him across the yard and held onto his leg and wouldn't turn loose even when they tried to take me away.



The Secret Place

Reckin a million little critters live along the spring branch.

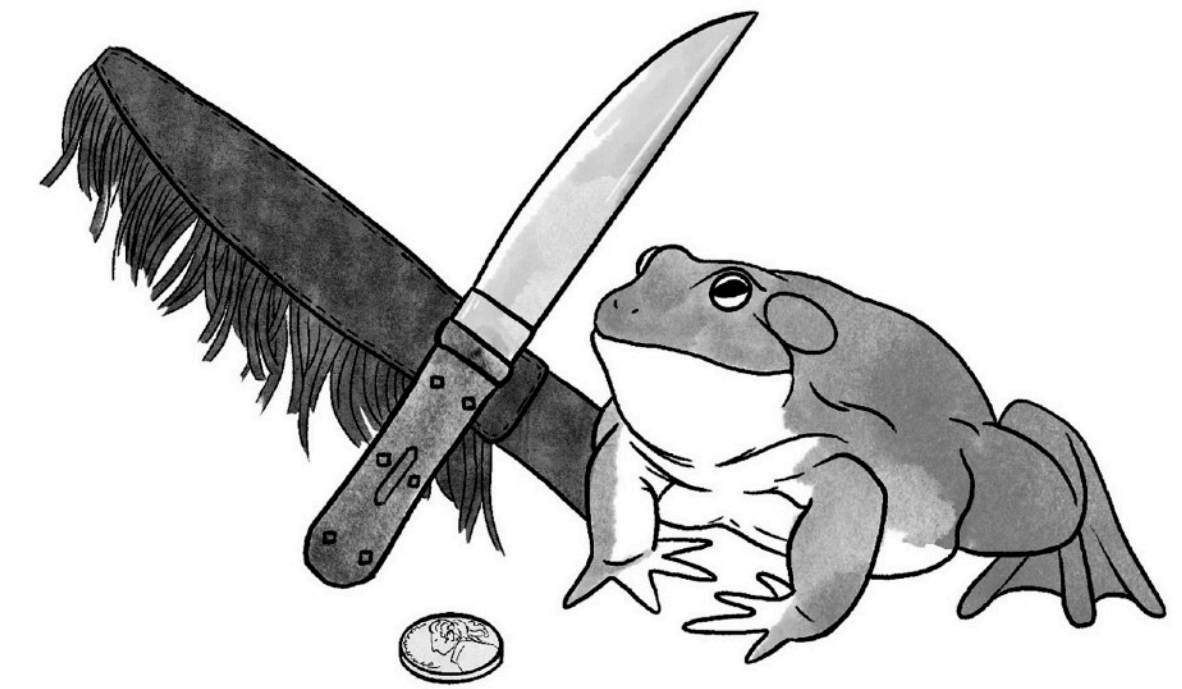
If you could be a giant and could look down on its bends and curves, you would know the spring branch is a river of life.

I was the giant. Being over two feet tall, I squatted, giant-like, to study the little marshes where trickles of the stream eddied off into low places. Frogs laid eggs; big crystal balls of jelly that had pollywogs dotted all through them ... waiting for the time to eat their way out.

Rock minnows darted to chase musk bugs scuttering across the stream. When you held a musk bug in your hand, it smelled real sweet and thick.

Once I spent a whole afternoon collecting some musk bugs, just a few in my pocket, for they are hard to catch. I took them to Granma, as I knew she loved sweet smells. She always put honeysuckle in her lye soap when she made it.

She was more excited about the musk bugs than I was, might near. She said she had never smelled anything so sweet and couldn't figger how she had missed out on



Willow John

Planting is a busy time. Granpa decided when we would begin. He would run his finger into the ground and feel for the warmth; then shake his head, which meant we wasn't going to start planting.

So we would have to go fishing or berry picking or general woods rambling, if it wasn't the week to work at the whiskey trade.

Once you start planting, you have to be careful. There are times when you can't plant. You must begin by remembering that anything growing below ground, such as turnips or 'taters, these have to be planted in the dark by the moon, otherwise your turnips and 'taters won't be any bigger than a pencil.

Anything that grows above ground, such as corn, beans, peas and such, must be planted in the light of the moon. If it isn't, you'll not make much of a crop of it.

When you have figured this out, there are other things. Most people go by the signs in the almanac. For example, you plant running beans when the sign is in the arms to

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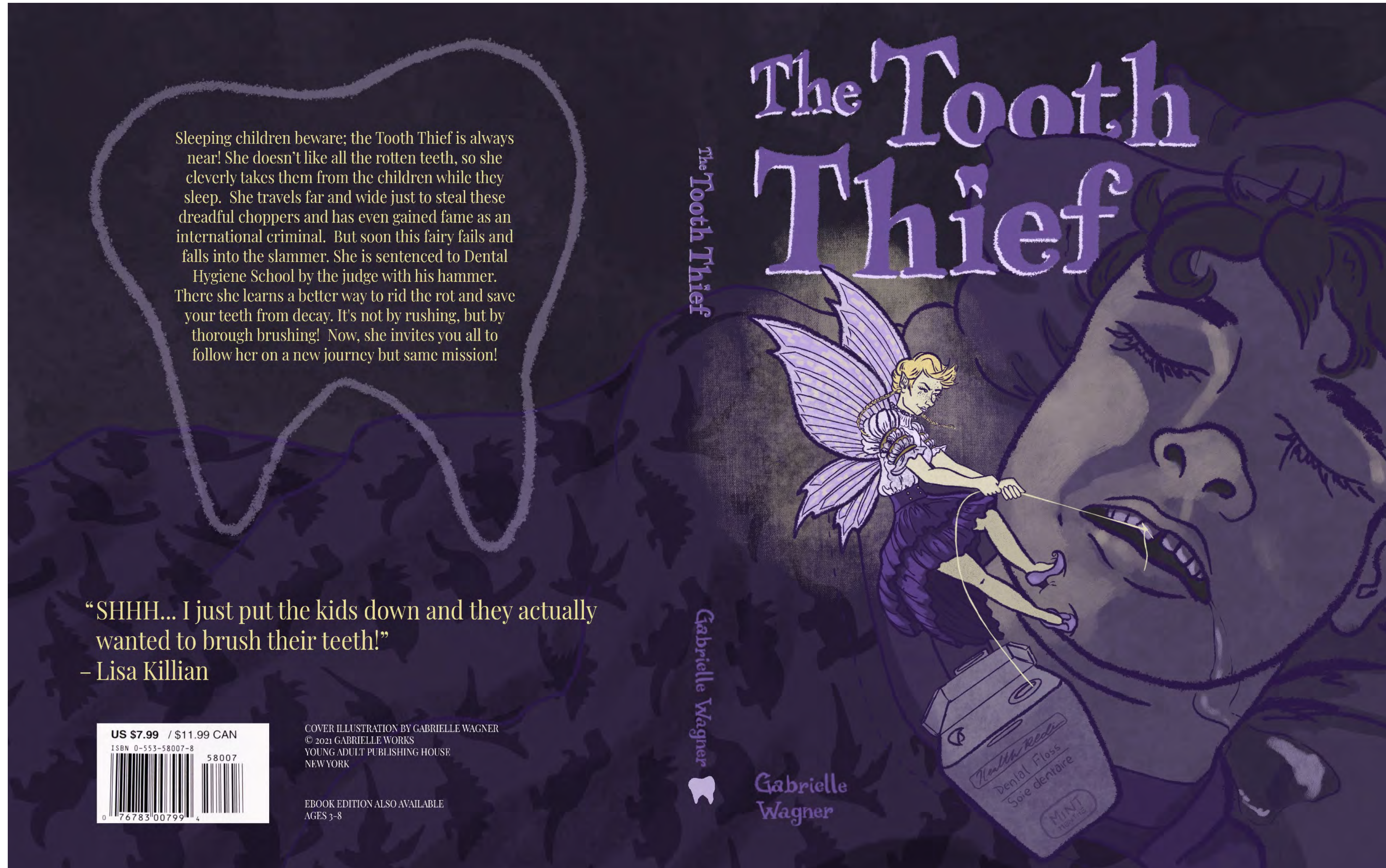
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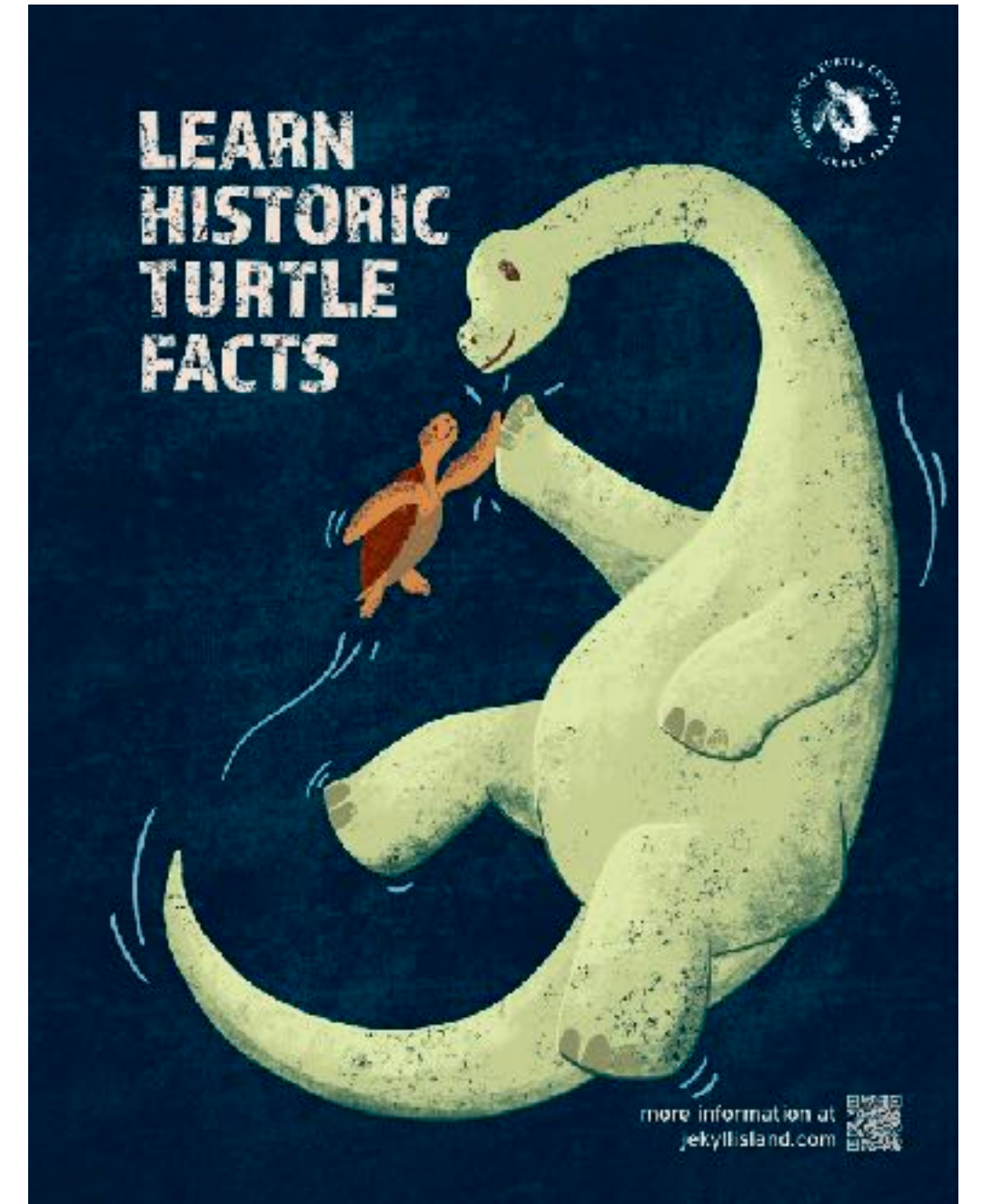
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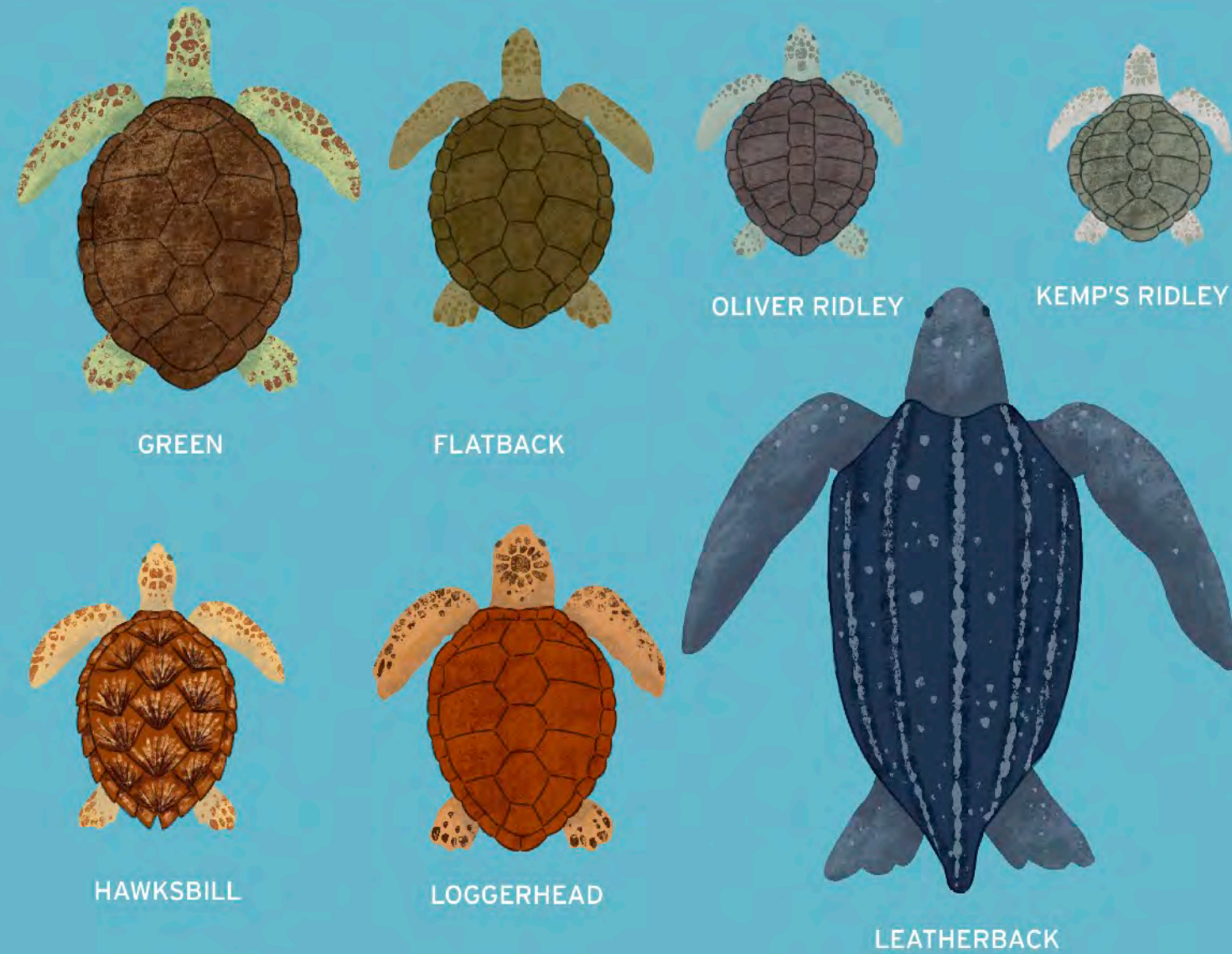
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IDENTIFYING ALL 7 SEA TURTLE SPECIES



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OLIVER RIDLEY

KEMP'S RIDLEY

HAWKSBILL

LOGGERHEAD

LEATHERBACK

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Join the Georgia Sea Turtle Center for lessons that provide a learning resource for parents, teachers, and anyone looking to learn more about coastal wildlife! Along the way, you'll also see updates on the rehabilitation of our current patients, behind-the-scenes looks at our treatment rooms, and enjoy some up-close views of our turtle friends.

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ACTIVITY 1: EXPLORER GUIDE

Visit The Georgia Sea Turtle Center! Explore our exhibits to learn about sea turtles and fill out the activities below.

VOCABULARY:

Adaptation: _____
 Camouflage: _____
 Eggs: _____
 Decompose: _____
 Rehabilitation: _____

READ AND ANSWER:

An adult sea turtle is an animal that lives in its environment. An example of a sea turtle adaptation is flippers to help it swim. Use the word bank to label the sea turtle diagram below!

Flipper Carapace Scale Fluke Rhinoceroshorn

Another important sea turtle adaptation is camouflage. Animals camouflage by blending into their surroundings and hiding from other living things. Can you spot the three sea turtles hiding in the picture on the center is and? Check them off when you find them!

Liberty Quinine Hekton

GEORGIA SEA TURTLE CENTER

ACTIVITY 3: WHAT'S IN A NEST?

VOCABULARY:

Emergence: _____
 Excavation: _____
 Hatching success: _____
 Hatchlings: _____
 Percentage: _____
 Emergence Success: _____
 Straggler Hatching: _____

SUMMARY:

In this activity, students will learn how to calculate percentages by looking at sea turtle nest samples from Jekyll Island, Georgia. They will learn the steps that sea turtle biologists take to monitor nests after they hatch and what data they collect. By using a real-world example from a loggerhead sea turtle nest, they will practice calculating hatching success and emergence success.

OBJECTIVES:

- Learn about loggerhead sea turtle nests in Georgia.
- Discover the steps biologists take to excavate nests.
- Calculate the percentages using real-world data.
- Understand why data collection is important for monitoring sea turtles.

READING:

Sea turtles spend most of their lives at sea, so it can be very hard to find and study them in the wild. One of the easiest ways to locate and study sea turtles is during the time of pupation of time when they are on the beach. An interesting sea turtle behavior is that when they are on the beach in their nests before they head to sea. After going into the ocean, some adult females will return to land to lay eggs. In this activity, students will learn about the research and data collection biologists perform on nests after they have hatched.

Quick! Draw as many eggs as you can in the nest!

A loggerhead sea turtle lays an average of 100 eggs per nest, and it usually takes those eggs between 45

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ACTIVITY 7: TURTLE TALK

VOCABULARY:

Environmental Stewardship: _____
 Conservation: _____
 Persuasive letter: _____
 Heading: _____
 Greeting: _____
 Body: _____
 Closing Statement: _____
 Signature: _____
 Subject: _____

READING:

For this activity, students will have the chance to act as Environmental Stewards. Environmental Stewardship is defined as the responsible use and protection of the natural environment. As an environmental steward, it is not only important to learn about how you can help protect the natural world, but also to educate and inform others about how they can help aid conservation. Conservation is the planned management and protection of natural resources. By working together, we can all encourage the conservation of wildlife.

Sea turtles are a global species facing many human-related challenges. The goal of a persuasive letter is to convince the reader to do or believe something by using clear reasoning, examples, and supporting facts.

What would a sea turtle say if it could talk?

STEPS TO WRITING A PERSUASIVE ESSAY:

- Today's date is the first part on the top left-hand side of your email. The date tells the recipient of the letter when the letter was written. Together, the date and address make up the heading.
- The address on the letter shows the physical address of the recipient. Write it underneath





“Turtle Quest” is an app/online game that combines the fun of platformer video games with learning. Login to your account to save your level, choose to live as one of the seven types of sea turtles, and win rewards after completing treasure chest question challenges.





young adult media

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MARSHELLE NUSPL

graduated with a B.S. Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Akron and began working as a Researcher at BP Oil. Nuspl soon had reservations about the industry she had entered, seeing the underlying problems and resulting ecological impacts. She turned to writing and her passion grew into a prolific profession. With both inspirational stories and grim warnings, Nuspl seeks to broaden people's perspectives about just how prevalent our climate change problems have become.

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– Catherine Diviney

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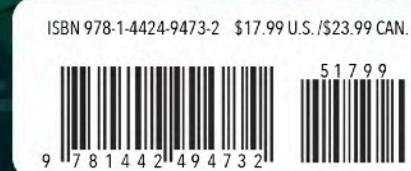
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Young Adult

Silvia wasn't raised to be an assassin. She earned her reputation as a siren after an oil spill left most of her ocean sector decimated. Due to humans, she has lost everything she once loved in her life. It wasn't just the slow destruction of the world anymore, but the blatant carelessness and disregard that allowed horrific crimes against the sea to happen again and again. Determined to make things right, Silvia takes matters into her own hands.

Targeting men in the open ocean has been easy work so far. From oil rigger workers to disrespectful tourists and unethical fisherman, Silvia has definitely made true to her promise. However, She may be doing her job too well, causing a stir in the world above and forcing her to question whether she can handle this fight alone.

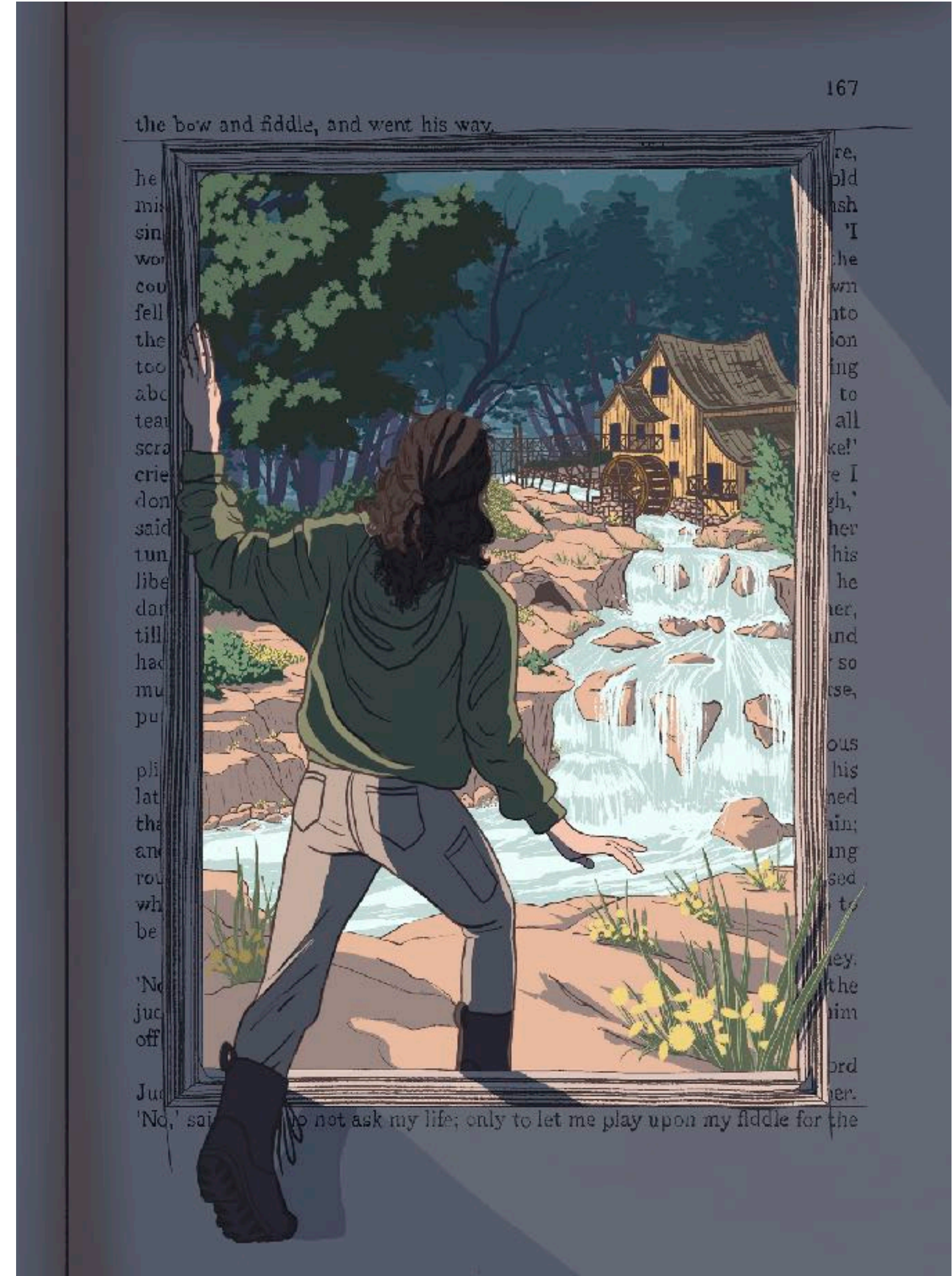


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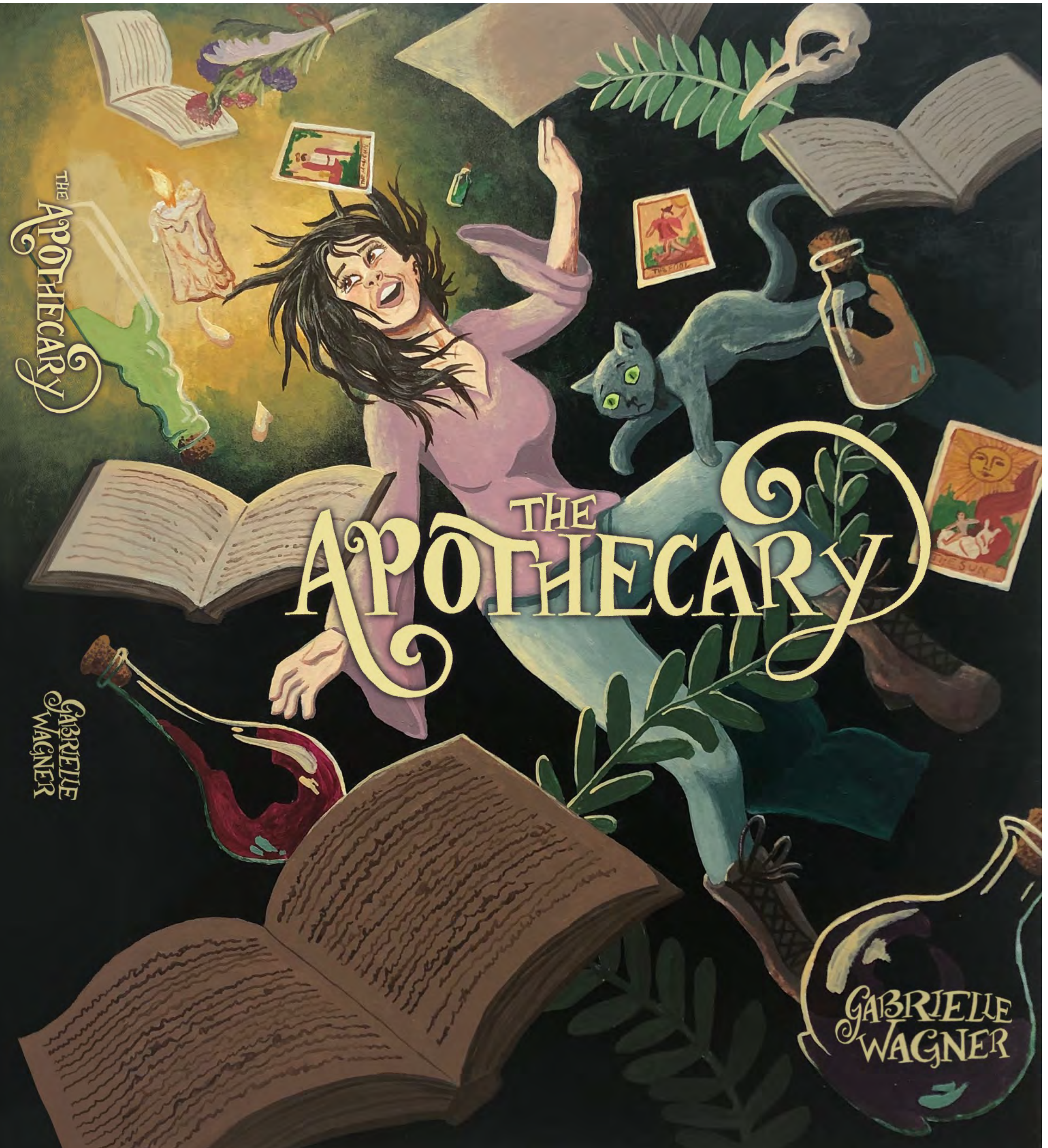
From the time she was a kid, Fern loved magic. She loved magic tricks, illusions, potions, costumes, wands – all of it. While other kids worried about school dances and new movies in the theaters, Fern had her nose stuck in books about natural herbs and bubbling brews. She didn't even mind when the other kids started to call her a witch- she actually wished she could be one! Soon enough, Fern moved on from practicing her remedies on her family (including her pets and wild animal friends), to actual strangers on the streets of Asheville. Day after day, Fern roamed the city, until one day, when she wanders into a different sort of magic shop, and her life changes forever.

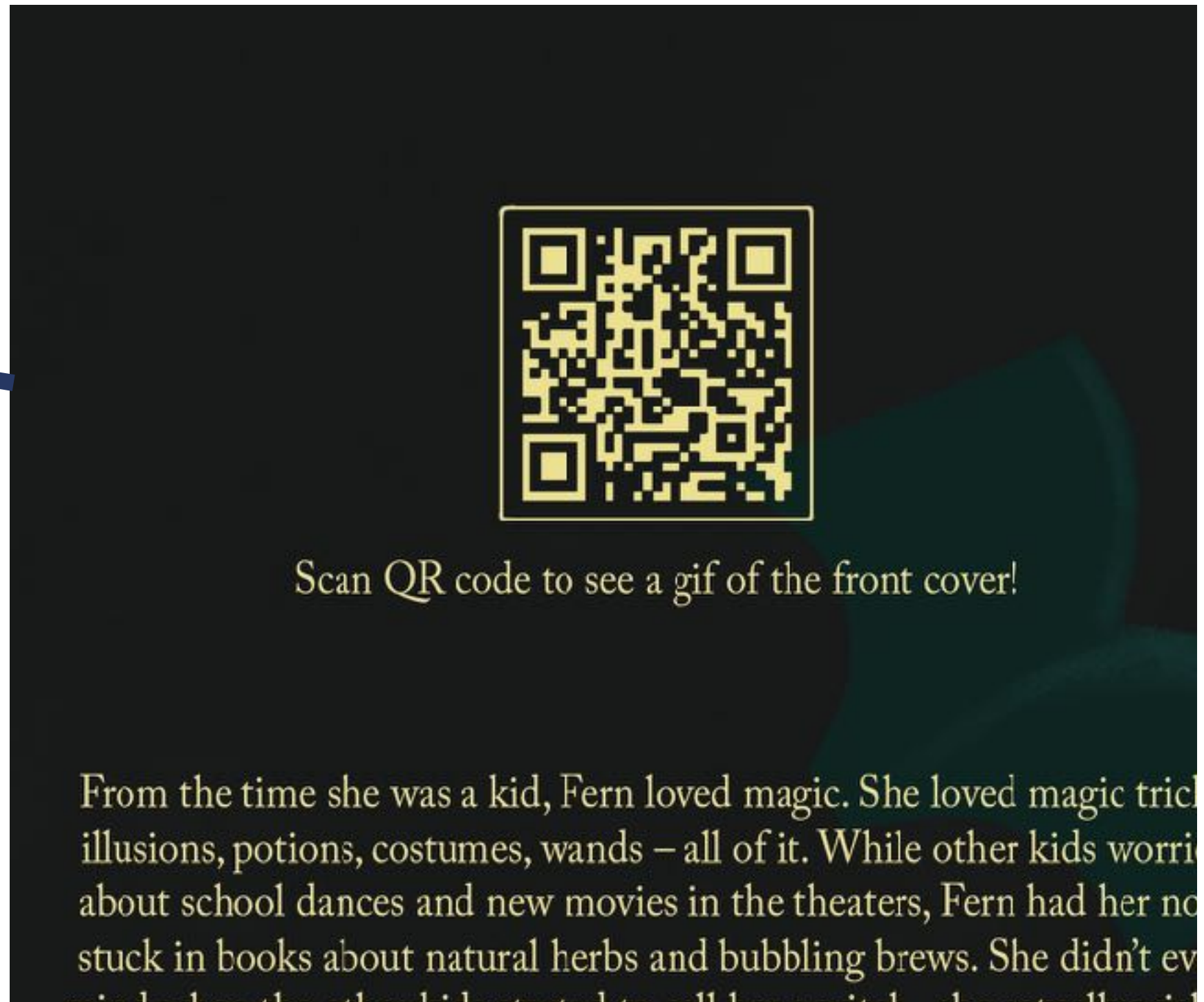
“This is definitely a story for anyone who thinks they’ve found their calling, but feel deep in their bones that something’s still missing. I can’t wait to escape back into *The Apothecary*!”
– Marshelle Nuspel



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WAYS TO CREATE A WITCH GARDEN

Here are ten simple ways to create a witch garden and to connect with Mother Nature in your yard, on your patio, or even on the windowsill. Whether you're a beginner gardener or a total plant geek, try at least a few of these witch garden ideas to get started! Each step includes a detailed description, and be sure to check out the "Quick Look" for more lists and resources.

1. Observe And Learn From Mother Nature
Before starting your witch's garden, take time to learn from nature. Observing and learning from nature is incredibly powerful and incredibly calming at the same time. There are very few ways to spend your time that combine those two feelings in quite the same way. There is something about the way that people connect with plant culture that makes the experience magical. Find a relatively undisturbed area of nature where you can observe the natural goings-on of the environment. If you're in the woods, make note of the way the air feels under the foliage canopy. Look closely at the foliage and the soil. Soak up the overall feeling. The whole place will seem alive and vibrant, even in near-silence. Meditating in nature or simply pausing to enjoy it will help you connect and commune with the incredible energy that it exudes. Carry these vibes into your witch's garden as you create it!

2. Learn To Forage And Wildcraft
Another way to connect with nature in preparation for your witchy garden is to see what's already thriving out in the wilderness where you live. Getting to know the plants that are happy to live in your local ecosystem is a key step in planning your witch garden. Think about the things that you already use in your day-to-day life and research what is available in your area to forage and wildcraft. If you're not experienced with foraging local edibles, stick to non-edibles until you can take a course from a local forager or wildcrafting expert. Foraging guides are a great way to start learning about local plants while you prepare for a foraging course. This foraging field guide is particularly gorgeous: Local indigenous groups can be another wonderful source of information for wild plants in your area. Check the library to see if there are any local plant books available, or see if the local band hosts traditional food or medicine workshops. This info will be specifically tailored to your local area and will be full of helpful gems of information. In our area, I love to forage for moss for my floral arrangements and terrariums. I also like to collect little bits like flower seeds to bring back home and observe and grow. If you're foraging off your property, be sure to get prior permission from the landowner or public authority.

3. Plant Witch Herbs And Flowers
Once you've taken some time to observe nature, it's

time to pick out some plants to grow in your witch garden. Culinary witch herbs and flowers are a great way to start your garden because they're generally easy to find and grow. It's also safer to grow mainstream culinary herbs and edible flowers before you delve into some of the lesser-known and potentially poisonous witchy plants in the next section. Here are a few great edible culinary witch herbs to try out. Make sure to do your research when buying your seeds or plants to ensure the plant and/or variety you're getting is indeed edible.

A Few Herbs to Grow in Your Witch Garden: sage, mint, rosemary, chives, and thyme.

It is so fun to work with growing the plants that produce some of your favorite essential oils. Edible flowers are also such a pleasure to grow in your witch garden. These beauties are a feast for the eyes and as well as the soul. I put a mix of culinary edible flowers in my salads and gorgeously garnish other meals. They're too pretty not to enjoy!

4. Grow Witchy Plants

Before I start this section, I should note that I'm not a trained herbalist. Don't try and eat or use any plants without researching the exact variety and checking with a trained professional. Some of the plants that are considered "witchy plants" are most certainly poisonous! Research the toxicity of each plant you consider for your witch garden prior to planting. If planting poisonous plants, take appropriate measures to protect kids, pets, and onlookers from your witchy garden. Additionally, if planting both edible witch herbs and poisonous plants, ensure the edibles are clearly separated from the toxic plants and are clearly labeled to avoid any confusion. The plants listed below can be considered to be witchy for one reason or another. Growing a plant simply because it's "witchy" isn't the greatest reason to add it to your garden. Choose the plants that you naturally connect with, use regularly, or are interested in.

A Few Witchy Plants (Many of Which Are Poisonous): nettle, calendula, monkshood (Wolf's Bane), foxglove, poppy, nightshades, and mandrake.

When planning your own witch's garden, check the bloom and harvest times for various plants. Some gardeners try to pick a variety of plants that will be interesting at different times throughout the year. Planning your plants so that something is always blooming is a great way to keep visual interest while also supporting pollinator species. Other gardeners try to plan it out so everything can be harvested at once. To each their own!

5. Talk To Your Witchy Plants

Talking to your plants is actually a pretty common practice among gardeners (not just those with witch gardens). Plants are living things, and although they don't talk back to us in words, they are wise in their own way. If you want to talk to your plants, there is certainly nothing stopping you! Anything that helps you connect positively with nature is worth a try.

Try talking to your plants, or even just visiting and checking in with them. Pausing to look at an individual plant will help you observe how it grows and changes.

6. Align Your Witch's Garden With The Moon Cycle

Once you've selected some herbs or other witchy plants to grow in your witch garden, it's time to make a garden calendar. Many witchy gardeners choose to plant by the moon's cycles. This involves planting seeds of different types during different phases (and even different Zodiac signs if you're into that).

7. Harvest In The Moonlight

Speaking of the moon, another witchy practice to bring to your garden is to harvest herbs by moonlight. In general, herbs are collected in the morning before the heat of the day but after the morning dew has dried. If, however, you're looking to add in some extra witchy feels, try harvesting (and preparing) your witch herbs by the glow of moonlight.

Find a pretty witch garden harvest basket or bowl and head outside on a dry evening or early morning.

Bring some sort of illumination with you so you can safely see what you're doing. Enjoy the silence of the evening and the moonlight on the plants. It will likely feel much more magical than just picking your herbs mid-day!

If harvesting in the moonlight doesn't feel

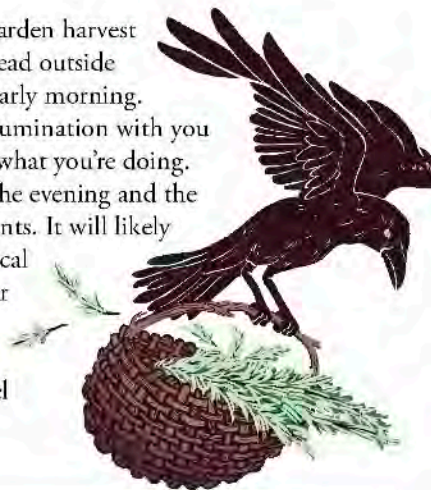
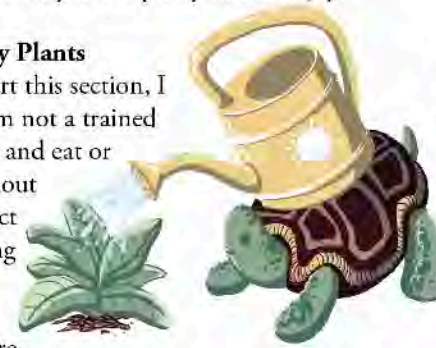


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like your jam (or isn't safe for one reason or another), another thing you can do is to leave your watering can out overnight. Folklore indicates that the moonlight charges the water (especially on the full moon). I always leave my watering can full of water at the end of the day anyways because the chlorine in the tap water will off-gas and the water will come to air temperature by the next day (which plants prefer to icy tap water).



8. Create An Altar And/Or Meditative Area In Your Witch Garden

An extra witchy feature to add to your garden is to create an altar or meditative area within nature. Creating your own wellness spot in your garden will make you feel incredibly blessed (and possibly very witchy).

There is nothing like Mother Nature's sanctuary. Perhaps plant some of the witchy herbs you've chosen in immediate proximity to your altar. You can enhance the space with plant-based essential oils that speak to you.

Find a pretty stone to sit on while you meditate or create a carpet of soft moss. Use tall screening plants around the area to form an outdoor "nest" of sorts. You can get fancy with water features and stone sculptures, or just let the space be as it is.

The little bit of landscaping work required to create your garden nest will be completely worth it. You'll feel like you have your own natural spa! Soak in the pure air and hint of sparkle that arrives with it.

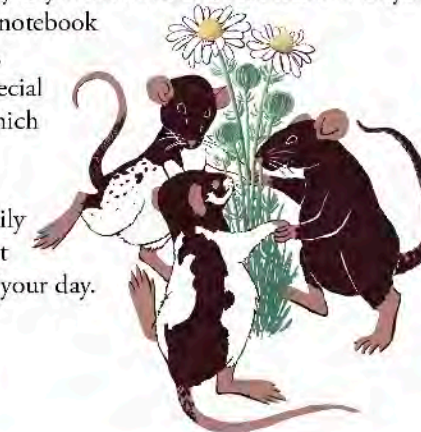
9. Give Back To The Land

Once your witch garden is established, give back to the land by replenishing it with nutrients, organic matter, water, and new plants. Add worm castings to your garden, make comfrey tea for your plants, and mulch with homemade compost. A witch garden will thrive with proper care and attention and will continue to provide you with a healthy dose of plant vibes.

10. Establish A Daily Witch Garden Ritual

Witchy gardening doesn't stop after your garden is planted. Visit your witch's garden every day to observe and commune with your plants. A nature observation notebook can be a lovely support piece.

Make your garden ritual a special part of your daily ritual in which you can set aside day-to-day thoughts and focus on what matters to you most. Your daily witch garden ritual just might become your favorite part of your day.



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QUICK LOOK

Herbs and Edible

Witchy Plants:

- ☞ sage
- ☞ mint
- ☞ rosemary
- ☞ chives
- ☞ thyme
- ☞ basil
- ☞ lavender
- ☞ chamomile
- ☞ lemon balm
- ☞ dianthus

Potentially Poisonous

Witchy Plants:

- ☞ nettle
- ☞ yarrow
- ☞ calendula
- ☞ comfrey
- ☞ monkshood
- ☞ (Wolf's Bane)
- ☞ foxglove
- ☞ heather
- ☞ poppy
- ☞ nightshades
- ☞ henbane
- ☞ belladonna
- ☞ mandrake
- ☞ hellebores

A Few Other Ways To Bring Magic Into Your Garden:

- ☞ Emboss your planters and gardening tools with ancient symbols of Runes, Tarot or Kabala.
- ☞ Place quartz crystals and moss agate within the soil, to prepare the area for an upcoming ritual, as well as charge the garden bed for improved plant growth.
- ☞ Water the plants with water, preferably solar water to allow for maximum nourishment and growth.
- ☞ Consider doing a small full-moon ritual during the growing season as a token of gratitude to the earth for blessing you with abundance and prosperity.

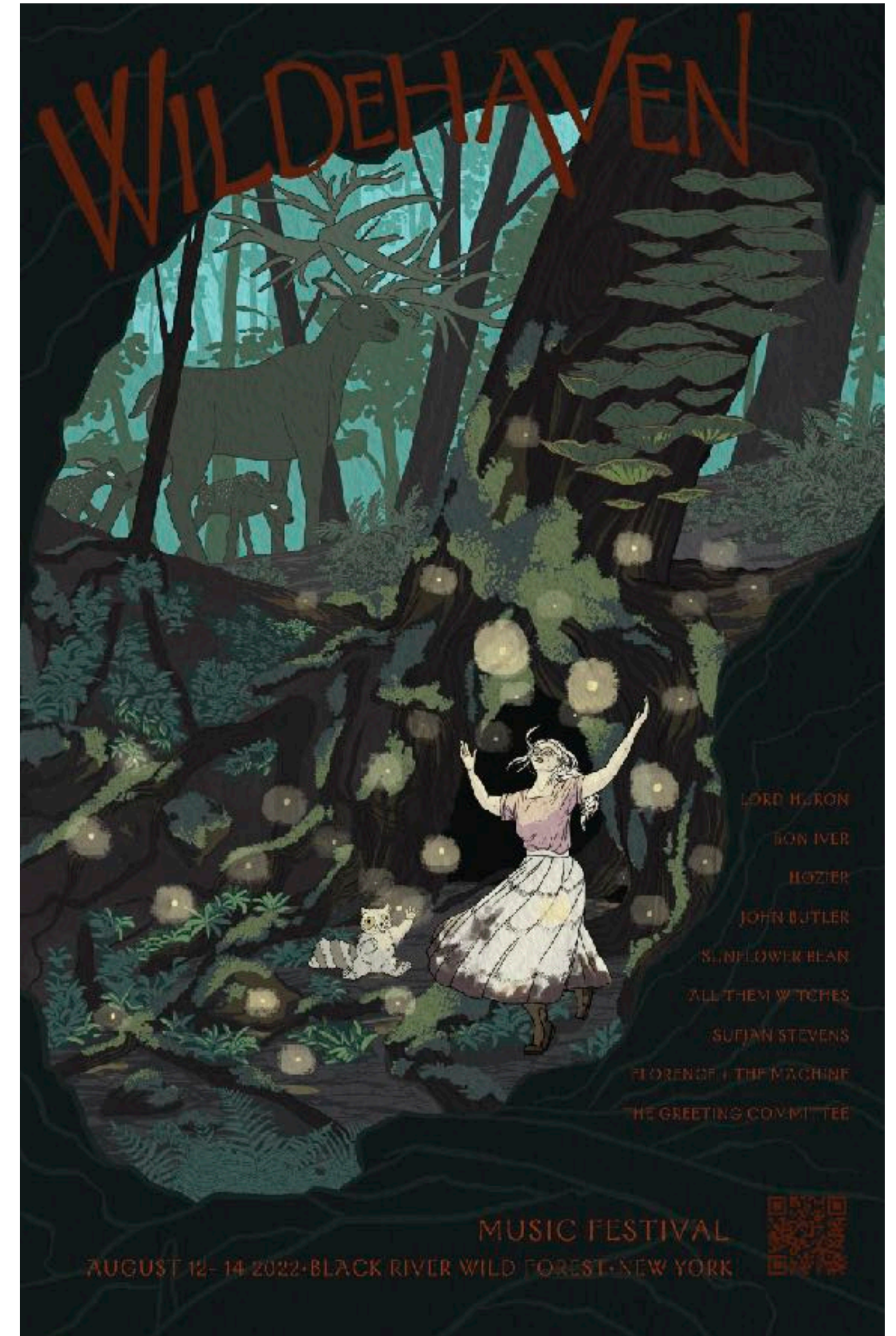
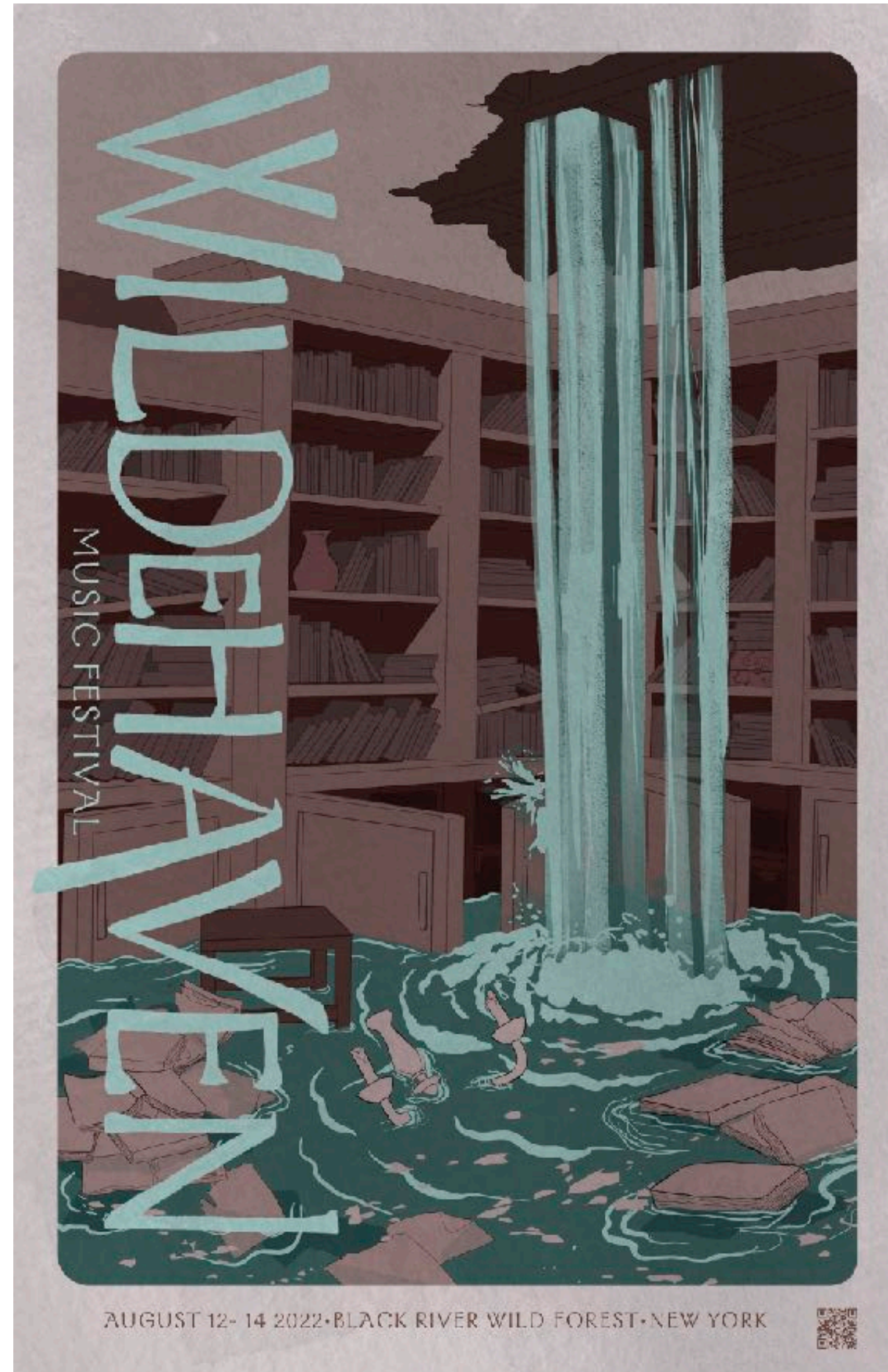
More Resources:

- ☞ *Forest Bathing*, by Dr. Qing Li
- ☞ *Foraging & Feasting: A Field Guide and Wild Food Cookbook*, by Dina Falconi
- ☞ *Rosemary Gladstar's Medicinal Herbs: A Beginner's Guide: 33 Healing Herbs to Know, Grow, and Use*, by Rosemary Gladstar
- ☞ *Garden Witches: Magic from the Ground Up*, by Ellen Dugan
- ☞ *The Real Witches' Garden: Spells, Herbs, Plants and Magical Spaces Outdoors*, by Kate West

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